

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 24, 2001**. Rain has lessened in most parts of the state, allowing activity in row crops to continue. Insects pressure is continuing in many parts of the state, while disease pressure is cropping up in gardens across the state. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	77	54	81	70	1	2	15	60	22
	Dough	28	19	35	27					
	Dent	7	0	0	4					
Cotton	Squaring	78	59	78	75	1	5	18	59	17
	Setting Bolls	13	6	12	13					
Rice	Heading	4	1	2	4	0	2	17	62	19
Sorghum	Heading	30	11	14	16	0	3	14	67	16
Soybeans	Blooming	47	39	41	32	0	3	23	54	20
	Setting Pods	15	--	7	5					
Wheat	Harvested	89	61	99	91	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	60	40	89	72	0	3	26	64	7
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	42	33	36	39	3	7	35	45	10
Watermelons	Harvested	8	--	--	--	3	19	32	40	6
Blueberries						2	2	23	46	27
Cattle						0	3	19	63	15
Pasture						1	5	25	51	18

County Agent Comments

“We have had a good week of weed control in all crops. Moisture still holding up in most cases, but a good general rain would be welcomed. Tarnished plant bug pressure has been heavy this week. Overall, the crops are progressing well.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“After the cool, wet weather most vegetable crops are being hit hard by disease. The dry, hot temps last week started a growth on late corn and cotton. Pastures are beginning to green up. Insect pressure on crops are light with the exception of small outbreaks of grasshoppers where Roundup Ready crops have been sprayed for weeds.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Continued rains are starting to have an adverse effect on blueberry harvest and quality. Pastures have recovered since the rains have started and producers are applying fertilizers for summer grazing and pastures to carry them through the summer. Corn has really turned around in the last three weeks, but looks like the early corn was stunted due to the dry weather.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Scattered showers covered most of county during the second half of the week. Corn looks super. Early planted soybeans are blooming and podding very well. Two weeks in a row with showers has pastures rebounding from a dry May.”

— Terry Rector, Warren County

Weather Summary from June 18, 2001 to June 24, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale						0.52	-0.46	1	5.24				
Cleveland	92	64	79			0.15		1	3.58				
Tunica	96	65	80	80	0	0.04	-0.83	1	2.31	105	74	90	0.27
Extreme/Average	96	64	80	80	0	0.24	-0.67	1	3.71	105	74	90	0.27
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs							-0.79						0.25
Memphis	93	64	78	80	-2	0.20	-0.57	2	3.50				
Oxford	93	58	77	77	0	0.29	-0.48	1	5.54				
Extreme/Average	93	58	78	78	0	0.25	-0.59	2	4.52				0.25
3. Northeast													
Booneville	90	60	75	77	-2	0.28	-0.49	2	6.25				
Corinth						0.42	-0.35	2	2.50				
Iuka	91	51	71			1.16		2	6.98				
Pontotoc	91	59	75	78	-3	0.13	-0.83	2	6.33	88	74	81	0.29
Tupelo	93	59	77	78	-1	0.09	-0.75	2	4.51				
Verona								0					0.23
Extreme/Average	93	51	75	78	-3	0.42	-0.42	2	4.90	88	74	81	0.29
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	92	60	77	80	-3	0.54	-0.44	2	3.51				
Rolling Fork	95	62	79	80	-1	0.00	-0.94	0	3.77	102	78	82	0.23
Stoneville	95	62	79	81	-2	0.00	-0.91	0	3.90	96	76	86	0.31
Yazoo City	94	59	77	81	-4	0.00	-0.77	0	3.03				
Extreme/Average	95	59	78	81	-3	0.14	-0.77	1	3.55	102	76	84	0.27
5. Central													
Carthage	92	57	76	79	-3	0.58	-0.22	1	4.89				
Jackson	93	59	76	80	-4	0.03	-0.67	2	3.18				
Winona	90	54	73	76	-3	0.18	-0.72	2	5.64				
Extreme/Average	93	54	75	79	-4	0.26	-0.56	2	4.57				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	93	65	80			0.25	-0.52	1	3.60	91	78	84	
Columbus	95	61	78	79	-1	0.64	-0.21	2	7.60				
State University	93	60	77	79	-2	0.70	-0.18	3	6.02	93	75	85	0.22
Extreme/Average	95	60	78	79	-1	0.53	-0.37	2	5.74	93	75	85	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	92	61	77			2.12		3	6.15	100	72	85	
Natchez	89	58	76	81	-5	1.80	+0.88	3	7.42				
Oakley	95	59	77	79	-2	0.95	+0.04	3	7.30	105	73	87	
Vicksburg	93	61	77			1.20		2	3.23				
Extreme/Average	95	58	77	80	-3	1.52	+0.56	3	6.03	105	72	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	93	62	78	80	-2	0.01	-0.97	1	10.40				
McComb	91	58	77	79	-2	0.00	-1.00	0	7.60				
Extreme/Average	93	58	77	80	-3	0.01	-0.96	1	9.00				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						1.31		3	15.05				
Hattiesburg	91	60	77	80	-3	0.37	E-0.61	3	12.52				
Laurel	91	62	76	80	-4	1.02	+0.20	3	9.43				
Meridian	92	58	75	79	-4	0.93	+0.06	4	7.64				
Newton	92	56	76	78	-2	0.43	-0.32	2	5.47	92	69	80	0.24
Extreme/Average	92	56	76	79	-3	0.69	-0.20	3	9.14	92	69	80	0.24
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	59	79			0.03		1	11.87				
Biloxi AFB	91	66	80			0.35		2	7.45				
Gulfport	88	64	79	82	-3	0.16	-0.98	1	14.00				
Pascagoula	91	61	78			1.81		3	10.75				
Poplarville	94	63	79	81	-2	0.96	-0.08	2	16.02	97	72	84	0.30
Extreme/Average	94	59	79	81	-2	0.66	-0.46	2	12.34	97	72	84	0.30
State	96	51	77	79	-2	0.52	-0.39	2	6.35	105	69	84	0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.